PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022

VISION STATEMENT A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON JOURNEY IN THE TRADITION OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL SEEKING COMPANIONS ON THE WAY TO THE REIGN OF GOD

Rev. Benson C. Okpara, Ph.D., Pastor



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:3-4

St. Michael the Archangel

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 MASS TIMES: SATURDAY: 4:00PM; SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 11:00AM, & 5:30PM

 WEEKDAY: MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:45AM (ALL MASSES EXCEPT THURSDAY WORD SERVICE WITH COMMUNION)

 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | ALTERNATE SATURDAYS: 11AM (NEXT: JUNE 18 AND JULY 2)

Parish Office

Our office is open 9am—4pm, Monday through Friday. To make an appointment with a staff member please call us at (330) 492-3119, and leave a voicemail if necessary. Thank you!

Parish Staff

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Scripture Readings for June 5th, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the June 19th bulletin is June 9th. The deadline for the June 26th bulletin is June 16th. The deadline for the July 3rd bulletin is June 23rd. Please e-mail bulletin information to: Stephanie@stmichaelcanton.org

Giving Summary

Weekend collection information not available at the time of bulletin printing. Collection numbers will be reported in the next bulletin.

Easter Collection ~ \$35,897

Thank you for your continued support! Sincere thanks for your first fruits offered onto God. —Fr. Benson

BULLETIN COLUMN

This weekend we celebrate the birthday of the Church, Pentecost. At the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and empowered them to become powerful and fearless Preachers of the Good News. The same Holy Spirit is active in our Church today! We have welcomed almost 60 new families to our community since last Pentecost. This is a testament to you, our community members who, like the disciples, share the Good News with family and friends. We recognize our new parishioners this weekend and welcome them to our family. We are blessed by the gifts that they bring to our community.

When we share the Good News, we are continuing the mission of the Church. In the Gospel of John a few weeks ago, Jesus promised to send an advocate to remind the disciples of everything he taught them and to bring peace. The gifts of the Holy Spirit empower and strengthen us to carry out Jesus' command to love as he loved. This mission we have been given is not easy. Like the disciples, we may be uncertain, even afraid. But if we accept the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will be given the courage and guidance to do and say the right thing.

This weekend, we also celebrate Friendship Sunday instituted by our Pastor, Fr. Benson. We come together, Catholics and non-Catholics, to worship together. This weekend we reflect on St. Michael's as our home and invite others to find a home here as well. We warmly welcome all who are new or visiting us for the first time. Please know you are always welcome to join us for prayer and worship. As we celebrate the birth of the Church, may God fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that we may participate in his Son's mission to bring everyone into his kingdom.

CHURCH AT HOME COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend parishes in our diocese will participate in the combined collection for three major **CHURCH AT HOME** ministries. The <u>Catholic</u> <u>Campaign for Human Development</u> provides local diocesan and national



support for groups of low-income persons to change their lives. The <u>Catholic Communications Campaign</u> supports the efforts of the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown (CTNT) and other national telecommunications services to help spread the Word of God. The <u>Catholic University of America and Newman</u> <u>Campus Ministries</u> continue the educational programs at the national university of our Catholic Church. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

MISSION APPEAL

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Rev. Dr. Peter Osuji, CSSp, will visit our Parish on June 11-12, 2022 to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at www.spiritans.org.

Fr. Peter, is from Nigeria. He serves as a professor of health care ethics at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Duquesne was founded by the Spiritans in the 1800's and today stands as one of the leading Catholic universities in the United States.

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world.

If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket or use one of the Spiritan collection envelopes.

The Baptismal font is in need of repairs. The current materials have become badly stained and cracked and it is leaking into the lower

level of the church. Help is on the way! First we must drain the font to allow it to dry out. This will take place on June 6th. Then on June 13th we will remove the old tiles and begin the replacement with new surfaces. The reconstruction period will last thru the end of June. Please bare with us during this 'fix it' phase.





Ever present in everything we do CHANGE is coming to St Michael Parish. The current church data base is being converted from WeGather to ParishSOFT Family Suite and Online Giving. Over the next 30 days the parish staff will be transitioning data, and learning new system functionality. 'My Own Church' will become the new parishioner access

window to your family and member data. Online Giving will move seamlessly from the old platform to the new. Stay tuned for additional updates on how to use this new tool as part of your experience in the St Michael Catholic Community.



Weekday

6/6 @ 6:45am ~ Marcy Weber (husband)

6/7 @ 6:45am ~ Bill & Margaret Cucculelli (Don & Jane Impagliozza & family)

6/8 @ 6:45am ~ Harold & Betty DeHoff (Family)

6/9 @ 6:45am ~ Communion Service

6/10 @ 6:45am ~ Special Intention (Maryann Meniru)

Weekend

- 6/11 @ 4:00pm ~ William Byrd (Rachel Fernandez)
- 6/12 @ 8:30am ~ Fr. Robert Stein (Jim & Majella Stein)
- 6/12 @ 11:00am ~ Ken Frey (Family)

6/12 @ 5:30pm ~ Joe & Mary Silla (Frank & Bonnie Silla)

The Tabernacle Candle

For the week of June 11th

Burns in memory of Rosaria Lioi

From

The Lioi Family



What's Happening

<u>Sunday, June 5th ~ Pentecost</u> 6:30pm ~ Rosary (Chapel)

<u>Thursday, June 9th</u>

9:00am ~ Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9:30am ~ Garden Club Meeting (St. Michael Room) 5:45pm ~ Benediction (Chapel)

<u>Sunday, June 12th</u> 6:30pm ~ Rosary (Chapel)

NOTE ~ Gym closed until further notice for maintenance work. **********************************

Life can be hard for young people. St Michael welcomes teens and young adults. *We see you and are glad you are here!*



Deacon Connor Hetzel who has been serving our parish over the past year will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 18th. The ordination will be at 10:30 am at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. All are welcome to attend. We will have a carpool from St. Michael's at 8:30 am. If you would like to carpool or drive please contact Roberta in the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORDINATION









With grateful hearts we give thanks to God for 70 years of worship, community and service.

We have a wonderful, rich history and we are looking for parishioners to be part of

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

to reflect on how we can celebrate our parish family.

If you are interested, please contact Roberta at 330-492-3119 x218 or roberta@stmichaelcanton.org

GET READY....

FOR A HOWLIN' GOOD TIME St. Michael's VBS 2022 Monday, July 25-Thursday July 28 9-11:30--Thursday 9-12:30 Contact: VBS@stmichaelcanton.org



REGISTRATION for students in K-5th grade and student volunteers 6th grade and up





IDREW AUSTIN JACKSON

- SUMMA CUM LAUDE
- HONORS DIPLOMA
- STARK STATE ASSOCIATE DEGREE
- FULL RIDE
 SCHOLARSHIP TO OHIO
- STATE UNIVERSITY
- BOWLING TEAM: ALL FEDERAL LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAS WORKED AT ARBY'S RESTURANT



VIE SCHMITT JACKSON

- SUMMA CUM LAUDE
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- JACKSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
- INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY
- CROSS COUNTRY
- YMCA YOUTH LEADER
- FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAS ASSISTED WITH LIVE STREAM OF 4:00 PM MASS

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Due to high demand we are adding two additional dates for pictures

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit the parish website



Questions? Contact Bruce Gordon | 330-492-3119 x211 | bruce@stmichaelcanton.org



Interested in beauty and delight? Want to get closer and go deeper with God?

Join us for an

Art and Spirituality Retreat

to take place over 4 consecutive weeks.

<u>Be assured that absolutely no artistic</u> <u>talent is required!</u>

The retreat will be experiential, reflective, and prayerful with many opportunities for both silence and sharing.

Sessions

Praying in Color	June 15th at 7 pm
Scripture & Painting	June 22nd at 7 pm
Tibetan Prayer Flags	June 29th at 7 pm
Tin Collage	July 6th at 7 pm

Cost is \$10 per session and includes all materials and light refreshments. Scholarships are available.

Sessions presented by Jennifer Brown and Roberta Muoio

RSVP for a specific session or all four to Roberta Muoio at 330-492-3119 x218 or Roberta@stmichaelcanton.org.

The Feast of Pentecost marks the birthday of the Christian Church. At the first Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended on the frightened and timid Apostles and empowered them to become powerful and fearless Preachers of the Good News and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This same Holy Spirit is active in us and our Church. The following new families may have joined us because of your witness to the gospel in our society through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to work through you. Thank you also to our new families for considering St. Michael the Archangel as your Spiritual home.

Audrey Altieri & Thomas Bouscher Amy & Jeff Arnold family Heather & David Baker family Julianna & Corey Beaber family Donald & Christine Boron Jennifer & Steven Bradley Jacob & Kayla Brent David & Cynthia Brunner James & Ashley Busch family Gregory & Marla Close family Dan & Diane Collins family James & Victoria Conley Jennifer Cooper family Marco & Andrea Corona family Jim & Nicole Cushing family Maxwell & Shannon Danko family Michael & Stacey Digiulio **Gerhard & Catherine Feagles Benedict Fern** Joseph & Mary Galmish Terence & Patricia Gazdik **Catherine Hanolt** Sarah & Thomas Herrick family **Charlotte Huchok** Paul & Shirley Kilonsky family Garrett Knott Sarah & Ella Krammes Kevin & Beth Kraus family Keith & Audra Krebs Joni & C. Todd Locke Daniel Lollman family

Sam & JoAnne Malene Megan & Kenny Mason family Matthew Mazey & Brittany Sheets Keith & Audra McCoury family Connor Menosky Debra Michalek Erica & Steve Muhleman family Roberta Muoio Emily & Chadric Opalich family John & Christine Oster Annette & John Palumbo Anthony & Christina Paniccia family Amanda & Joshua Parr family **Christine Pastor & Kim Aldrin** Nicole & Mark Patterson Nicole & Mark Peterson family Nick & Michelle Potenzini family Ann & Robert Pukansky family Natalia & Domenic Ranalli family Justin & Stephanie Ray family Thomas & Deborah Remark Alyssa & Trevor Rice family **Kraig Roshong** Paul & Sara Scheetz family Justin & Colleen Schlechte family John Schneider James & Allison Sterling Valerie & Todd Street family Abbie Sullivan & Ben Shenk & family Walter & Linda Summerhill Susan Tissot Sarah Weller & Nicholas Halbedel



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May 17, 2022

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Fr. Benson Okpara 3430 St. Michael's Blvd. NW Canton, OH 44718

Dear Fr. Okpara & Parishioners of St. Michael:

On behalf of the Catholic Charities board and staff, and those we serve, we'd like to thank you for your continued charitable support through your Social Justice Ministries. Our clients have been continually blessed by the immeasurable amount of food your parish has donated to our food pantry. In the last 12 months we've had close to 1,000 visits to our food pantry, serving those in our community impacted by food insecurity. By continuing to support our food pantry with your Sunday drives, you are helping prevent over 300 families each month, here in Stark County, from going hungry.

In addition to the regular Sunday food drives, you've responded to every request sent to your parish with tremendous support. You've helped our office stay well stocked (and organized, thanks to your volunteer efforts), helping us continue serving those in our community who are in need within a welcoming, caring environment. The taxable donations your ministry has continued to collect, has been exceptionally beneficial, given that these items cannot be purchased through SNAP (Food Stamp Benefits).

As you know, Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties is devoted to helping meet basic human needs, strengthening families, and empowering low-income people to achieve self-sufficiency. We appreciate your commitment in supporting these ministries. May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Rick Squier Executive Director Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties

Heather Weaver, CFLE Site & Programs Manager

www.ccdoy.org





St. Michael Faith Build 2022

Working with people of Faith from:

Living Water Church; St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church; Central Presbyterian Church of Massillon; New Pointe Church Canton; New Pointe Church Dalton

Partnering with the: Lucariello- Suggs FamilyMaurice (Tiara, Iziaha, NcKala,

Ailiyah, Maurice)



85 Marion Ave SE, Massillon

YEAR-ROUND FOOD DRIVE

Weekday collections Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM ~ Door # 11 Lower Level Special "Ask" this week: Cleaning Supplies (Catholic Charities)



Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties Providing Help. Creating Hape.

Please see the letter of thanks from our local Catholic Charities in today's bulletin. The greatest need currently is for 'taxable" items not able to be purchased with SNAP or WIC. Thank you for your tremendous assistance!

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build! Check out the poster in our Gathering Space. St Michael will join with five other faith communities on a Habitat for Humanity "Faith Build" in Massillon. We are waiting to learn our St. Michael volunteer dates. Our Habitat ministry leaders are Steve Marrero and Steve Morman. The family of 6 who is being supported, will be working alongside volunteers. They have also qualified for a Habitat loan and will repay their mortgage. This is a hand up not a hand out. We are happy to be part of this corporal work of Mercy! Stay tuned. Pray for good building weather. God Bless you and thank you for your support.



The Pending Dobbs Decision — How is a Catholic to Respond?

The leaked draft of the pending U.S. Supreme Court case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* has returned the abortion debate to center stage in our already polarized culture. Despite the media frenzy and political posturing there are many important things we can do as people of faith by focusing on the needs of women and their children:

Pray! Pray for the day when every unborn child is protected and every mother is supported.

- Support Women in Need through <u>Catholic Charities</u>: The majority of those served by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown are women and children. For instance, last year Catholic Charities' *First Step* programs provided formula, diapers, wipes and other essential baby items to 2,971 low-income people who looked to the church in their time of need.
- Act on behalf of Moms in Need: Parishioners can play a critical role in strengthening the connection between women in need and resources available. One approach to helping pregnant and parenting women is Walking with Moms in Need. To learn more, contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.
- Healing for Those Suffering After Abortion: Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio, a ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown, provides help with post-abortion reconciliation and spiritual healing. If you know someone who may benefit from this ministry call or text 330-360-0430.

To learn more, or to give, go to www.doy.org/RespondingWithCare/

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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